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GOVT CAPS CAB AGGREGATORS' COMMISSION AT 20% OF FARE

As per the guidelines issued by the Union Transport ministry on Friday, 80% of the total fare must go to driver partners

SURGE PRICING LIMIT FIXED AT 1.5%

In what could be a relief to the riders, the Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines stipulate that the surge price imposed during peak hours be capped at 1.5 times the base fare. It also allows the aggregator to charge a fare that is 50% lower than the base fare when the demand is low. Where taxi fare has not been determined by the local government, ₹25-30 will be the base fare | P15

ALL-FEMALE POOL OPTION FOR WOMEN

- Drivers welcomed it, but said the commission should be capped at 10%. At present, cab aggregators charge 25-30%
- According to the guidelines, women riders opting to pool their trips should be able to do so with only female passengers
- Cancellation fee of 10% applicable to drivers if they cancel trips

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TRAINING MUST BE PROVIDED FOR NEW DRIVERS BY THE AGGREGATOR

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After intense clashes at the Delhi border, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar reaches out, invites farmers' organisations for a fresh round of talks on the new farm laws on December 3

With the AAP supporting the agitation, the Delhi govt rejects the Delhi Police's request to convert stadiums inside the city into temporary jails to house the detained farmers

"While a section of farmers want to block the highway to pressure the Centre, others want to protest at the designated Nirankari Ground," said a farmer leader on condition of anonymity

Police fire water canon on farmers marching towards Delhi, protesting the Centre's farm reforms, at Singhu Border | SHEKHAR YADAV

Delhi gate opens to Punjab, Haryana farmers after clashes

BKU holds sit-in protests across several districts of west UP in show of solidarity

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THOUSANDS of farmers from Punjab and Haryana clashed at least thrice with the Delhi Police on Friday as they were prevented from entering the Capital even as Union Agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar urged them to end the agitation and come for the third round of talks on December 3.

"The government has always been ready to discuss issues. We have invited farmers' organisations for another round of talks on December 3," Tomar said in a statement.

But his appeal hardly found any takers as the farmers stayed put at Delhi's doorstep, blocking the national highway to Chandigarh. They also ignored the Delhi Police, who after blocking their entry into the Capital, permitted them to go to the Nirankari Ground in north Delhi's Burari area to stage their protest.

The Punjab and Haryana farmers received support from their Uttar Pradesh counterparts, with the Bharatiya Kisan Union holding sit-in protests across several districts of west UP and blocking highways.

Other than the Yamuna Expressway, the BKU protested at Baghpat, Muzaffarnagar, Meerut, Bijnor, Hapur, Shamli, Bulandshahr, Ghaziabad, Noida, Moradabad and Saharanpur. Officials in the Home ministry maintained that the government is in constant touch with the states to maintain law and order.

In many areas along the Delhi border, such as Tikri, Singhu border, protesters refused to move to the Nirankari Ground. At Tikri border, the Delhi Police took hundreds of farmers to the Nirankari Ground, but the protestors returned to the border.

At the Singhu border, the farmers sought permission to protest at Ramlila Maidan. "We are not moving anywhere now. We have enough *dal*, wheat and gas to prepare our own food. Once our representatives reach, we will move to the Nirankari Ground," said farmers. P9

Please end your stir and come forward for talks. The government is ready for all discussions...
Narendra Singh Tomar, Agriculture Minister

BSY defers move on OBC tag for Lingayats

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IN a surprising, but strategic climbdown, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday deferred a decision on recommending the OBC tag to the Veerashaiva-Lingayats, reportedly after a conversation with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The issue', which was listed on the agenda for the cabinet meeting, was discussed, but not approved as planned earlier.

"Since this is a very special decision, we will discuss the issue with the central leadership and then go ahead. This is also the view expressed by my cabinet colleagues", the CM said, before heading into the cabinet meeting. Speaking to the media, Yediyurappa confirmed that he had a telephonic conversation with Amit Shah.

Before the meeting, the CM spoke to Shah, who is said to have dissuaded him from taking up the issue in the cabinet for now. The government will take up the issue up after due diligence — discussing it in detail with different community heads, cabinet colleagues, central leadership and legal experts and getting a comprehensive understanding of the matter, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy said.

The CM was originally scheduled to address the media and make an announcement on Friday, urging the Centre to approve the OBC tag to the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community. This was being seen as a master stroke to further consolidate his support base in the community. But as the issue was deferred, the media contingent was informed that the CM will not address them after the cabinet meeting. P4

Cabinet identifies taluks for state's 31st district

The cabinet on Friday said it has identified taluks for the state's new 31st district, Vijayanagara. Hosapete, Hagaribommanahalli, Kotturu, Huvina Hadagali, Kudligi and Harapanahalli will be part of the proposed district, with Hosapete as its headquarters. P4

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa arrives for the cabinet meeting at Vidhana Soudha on Friday | MAGARAJA GADERAL

If it had been approved by the State Cabinet and sent to the Centre, and if the Union Government had delayed implementing it, then they could have risked being seen as anti-Lingayat – Political analysts

Recession stays, but recovery has been faster

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INDIA's economy, on a slowdown path since March 2018 and pummelled by the coronavirus pandemic, has officially entered recession with GDP growth contracting 7.5% year-on-year in the July-September 2020 quarter.

This is, however, a notable improvement from the mind-numbing 23.9% decline in the previous three-month period (April-June 2020). Recession is when economic growth rate is negative for two consecutive quarters or more.

Assuming a 5-6% trend-line growth, the effective output loss during the first half of the current fiscal is upward of ₹20 lakh crore.

The data released by the National Statistics Office on Friday has come as a relief as various projections had pegged GDP growth to be much worse. Even RBI forecast was a contraction of 8.6%. This shows the economy is healing faster than thought, economists say. P15

CM's political secretary tries to end life

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CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa's political secretary and relative N R Santhosh attempted suicide by consuming sleeping pills at his Dollar's Colony residence on Friday evening. He was immediately rushed to a private hospital where he is undergoing treatment in the ICU. It is suspected that depression may have driven him to the edge, though the exact reason was not immediately known. P7

Govt to hire Kannadigas as outsourced employees

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EVERY human resource agency that provides outsourced staff to various government departments, should hire only Kannadigas, said a circular issued by the Karnataka government on Friday. The circular directs all departments to place this condition before the agencies. P7

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E220d	2020	11,418	Polar White	55.73 Lacs*
E220d	2020	5,559	Polar White	54 Lacs*
GLC220d4M	2019	15,854	Graphite grey	49 Lacs*
GLC220d4M	2019	8,094	Polar White	49 Lacs*
S350d	2018	3,710	Cavansite Blue	1.17 Crore*
V220DL	2019	16,424	Brilliant silvermet	70 Lacs*

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